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## **MAYOR BALLARD MAKES FINAL CALL FOR 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS APPLICATIONS**

*Applications due today; Award luncheon on March 24*

INDIANAPOLIS – Today is the final day for Indianapolis businesses, not-for-profits, schools and other to submit an application for the City of Indianapolis' second annual Sustainability Awards. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 for projects completed in Marion County between Jan. 1, 2010, and Dec. 31, 2010, in the categories of water, land, air, energy and reduce, reuse, recycle. The 2010 Sustainability Awards application may be downloaded at [www.sustainindy.org/awards](http://www.sustainindy.org/awards).

"One of my top priorities is to create one of the most sustainable – and livable – cities in the Midwest," Mayor Greg Ballard said. "The Sustainability Awards gives me a unique and exciting way to honor those Indianapolis organizations that have made the commitment, not only to better their operations, but to improve our city."

Last year the City received more than 70 applications for the Sustainability Awards. Even more are anticipated to participate this year in the awards program sponsored by Citizens Energy Group, HNTB Corporation, Indianapolis Power and Light, and Performance Services.

The awards, presented by the Office of Sustainability, McKinney Green Initiatives Fund and the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, are designed to inspire innovation, showcase impact, reward leadership and promote education around the principles of sustainability.

The 2010 Indianapolis Sustainability Awards will be presented by Mayor Ballard at a March 24 luncheon held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Local green living expert Sara Snow returns to emcee this year's event. For the application, tickets and sponsorship information, visit [www.sustainindy.org/awards](http://www.sustainindy.org/awards).

To learn about how Mayor Ballard is creating a more sustainable Indianapolis, visit [www.sustainindy.org](http://www.sustainindy.org).

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